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My dear Mr. Newell:

A recent letter from a friend of mine in Tenghsien, Dr. B.C. Patterson, recently sent me the enclosed two rubbings taken from a hoard of 1400 coins which he recently found in that locality. I quote a paragraph of his letter:

> "It may be interesting to you to tell you that last week some Chinese found about 1400 copper coins in a grave near here. All but two of them were made between 713 and 742 A.D. Among them were 8 coins that are very hard to get now. They were made from Buddish bells when the temples were destroyed, about 730 A.D. And the place where they were cast is noted on the backs. That was the day when Nestorianism was in favor in China. I secured the lot."

I thought possibly you might be interested in further details. If so his address is:

Tenghsien
Shantung, China.

Very sincerely yours,

Lewis C. Moon

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Mr. Lewis C. Moon
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Dear Mr. Moon:

Your letter to Mr. Newell has been turned over to me. I wish to thank you for bringing to our attention this matter of the coins for Dr. Patterson. We have so many Chinese coins and virtually every issue is represented in our collection I much doubt if it would really be worth yor while to take up the matter with Dr. Patterson. I am familiar with the coins that he mentioned in detail.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator